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ARROW SCANLATIONS

RAWS: VNSharing

TRANSLATION
EMODEVO

CLEANING
KAYESS

TYPESETTING
SNARLYSNARKY

RYOKO'S CASE FILE

薬師寺涼子の怪事件簿

第4話「石にひそむ影」

Chapter 4: Mysterious Shadow In The Marble

Text on building: [ミナゴロシ] means Everyone Must Die/Massacre

THE MOBILE UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBSERVE ANY MOVEMENT FROM WITHIN THE BUILDING.
WE SPECULATE THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE THE BUILDING.
IN THE MEANTIME, VICTIMS CAN ONLY SIT AND WAIT FOR THIS TERRIFYING ORDEAL TO COME TO AN END...
Rustle
Rustle
AHHH, ABOUT TIME!
Chatter
THE MOBILE UNITS ARE FINALLY HERE, I'M SO RELIEVED.
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE THE AIR FORCE, ARMY AND NAVY ALL GATHERED AT THE SAME PLACE NOW
Chatter
WHAT AN EXTRAVAGANZA!
ALL THIS EXTRA EFFORT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF COMMISSIONER GENERAL AND SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL...
HOW BLOODY STUPID!

Spins around
Click
RATTLE
JUDGING BY HOW THE INCIDENTS HAVE UNFOLDED SO FAR, SURELY YOU HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT OUR CRIMINAL'S MENTALITY IS LIKE, YES?
THE TOUGHER THE CHALLENGES HE'S FACED WITH,
THE MORE ECSTATIC OUR CRIMINAL BECOMES!

RATTLE
RATTLE
HELICOPTER!
TWO CHOPPERS ARE HEADING OUR WAY!
RATTLE
Chatter
HELICOPTERS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THERE'S A HELIPAD ON THE ROOFTOP.
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HEADING IN THAT DIRECTION AS WE SPEAK.
THE ROOF-TOP!
HAVE THEY BEEN DEPLOYED TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF THE TOP GOVERNMENT AGENTS (VIP) FIRST?
OUR CRIMINAL'S NEXT MOVE! I WONDER WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE...
I AM ANTICI-PATING...
CLUNK

STOMP
STOMP
CHARGE
THEY'RE HEADING TO THE ROOF-TOP!
THE VIPS ARE THE PRIORITY IN THIS RESCUE MISSION?!
SURELY THESE BUNCH OF ASSHOLES AREN'T THINKING OF ABANDONING THE NORMAL CITIZENS TO ENSURE THEIR OWN SAFETY FIRST?
AH
PLEASE CALM DOWN EVERY-ONE!
IT'S DANGEROUS TO SWARM TOWARDS THE ROOF-TOP LIKE THIS!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THEM.
DON'T EVEN BOTHER, IZUMIDA.
Squeeze
YOU'RE ONLY ENDANGERING YOUR OWN LIFE ATTEMPTING TO STOP THE RIOTING CROWD WITH YOUR BARE HANDS. IT'LL BE THEIR OWN FAULT IF THEY GET INJURED.
THEY'RE OVERCOME BY A RUSH OF EMOTIONS RIGHT NOW. THINGS WILL CALM DOWN AGAIN SOON.
WE NEED TO PLAY THIS SMART.
Squeeze
Ow, stop pushing!
It hurts!
WATCH THE BROADCAST. THE HELICOPTERS ARE LANDING.
bright
Empty

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
LOSE BALANCE
Snaps
Snaps
Snaps

ROLLS
Rattle
ROLLS
Rattle
LOOK, IZUMIDA!
YES, I SAW
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...
NO! THE SECOND CHOPPER HAS BEEN HIT BY BROKEN FRAGMENTS
MPD
AHHHH
KA-BOOOOOM
BOOOOOM

Explodes
WE HAVE SOME VERY UNFORTUNATE NEWS TO REPORT.
THE... THE HELI COPTERS...
WH... WHAT ON EARTH?
WHAT MADE THEM CRASH SO SUDDENLY?
GAAP
THE HELICOP-TERS...
BOTH HAVE CRASHED ONTO THE HELIPAD.
Crashed?
PERHAPS THEY WERE ATTACKED IN MID-AIR?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I THINK THE FIRST CHOPPER WAS ATTACKED RIGHT WHEN IT LANDED ON THE ROOFTOP, AND ITS BROKEN FRAGMENT CAUGHT THE SECOND CHOPPER

HERE!
YES!
ASSISTANT A!
COME WITH ME.
CLICK
CLICK
LET'S GO TO THE DEPARTMENTAL STORES SECTION
Come here!
Come here!
?
?
Departmental stores?
HUH?

I ALSO HEARD THAT BOTH THE ELEVATORS AND THE ESCALATORS HAVE BEEN STOPPED.
click
click
BUT I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE EXACT DETAILS.
I HEARD THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRAPPED INSIDE THE BUILDING...
ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON?
Murmur Murmur
Cashier
EXCUSE ME...
WHERE ARE WE HEADING TO EXACTLY?
Don't tell me we're going into every single shop!!
CLONK
会計
新刊棚
THE BOOK-STORE.

WHOOSH
POLICE
THE BUSINESS HOURS FOR THE BOOK-STORE ARE OVER...
Im sorry
BOOK-STORE...
AND WHAT BUSINESS DO WE HAVE IN HERE?
Books
I NEED TO LOOK UP SOME INFORMATION.
Ah
The police... Please forgive my ignorance...
FLOP
THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MYTHICAL CREATURES AND VERMIN!
.....

MYTHS AND LEGENDS
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
THIS COLLECTION IS HARDLY COMPLETE!
WHAT A USELESS BOOK-STORE!
Well,
I can look up our databases on the computer to search for what you're after.
HMPH
FFFFFT
HMPH
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY SORT OF EXPECTATION FROM A BOOKSTORE IN A SHOPPING PLAZA! AS ALWAYS LOTS OF BOOKS ON DISPLAY
YET NEVER ANYTHING I'M AFTER! PURE QUANTITY BUT NOT QUALITY!
SUPER-INTENDENT

幻獣妖虫大全
What is it?!
Biology
I FOUND IT!
Flip
BOOK TITLE THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MYTHICAL CREATURES AND VERMIN
BIOLOGY... HOW THE HECK DID THAT BOOK END UP IN THE BIOLOGY SECTION?
SPEAKING OF BAD INDEXING,
THE BOOKSTORE NEAR MY PLACE HAD THE BOOK "QUEEN'S ENMA-CHO"* SORTED UNDER THE GAME STRATEGY SECTION!.
Flip
BECAUSE IN DEPTH STRATEGY IS WRITTEN ON ITS COVER.
HMPH. ALL BECAUSE OF THOSE STUPID BOOK KEEPERS WHO NEVER PAY ATTENTION AT WORK

*TN: "QUEEN'S ENMA CHO" OR "女王陛下のえんま帳" IS A FANBOOK FOR YAKUSHIJI RYOUKO WHICH INCLUDES SHORT COMICS, NOVEL SERIES ILLUSTRATION, IN DEPTH CHAPTER DISCUSSION AND SO ON

I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU, IZUMIDA.
ARE YOU AFRAID OF SPIDERS?
EH?
I GUESS NOT...
I THINK I FALL INTO THE "HATE ANYTHING WITHOUT LEGS" CATEGORY.
YOU'RE AFRAID OF SNAKES THEN?
YEAH, SLIGHTLY. MORE SO WITH THOSE SMALLER CREEPY-CRAWLIES ..
OH, LIKE EARTH WORMS AND MAGGOTS?
That's right, that's right!
So disgusting!
Trembles
Argh!
Trembles
YOU'RE SURE THAT SPIDERS DON'T CREEP YOU OUT...
POSITIVE!
DON'T WORRY, I'VE NEVER EVER FEARED THEM BEFORE.
YES?

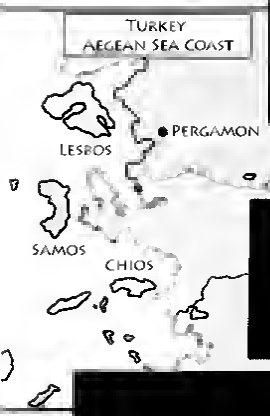
BAREO...
BAREORO-ZAKISU?
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS THING?!
TSK DON'T YOU RECALL SEEING THIS IMAGE SOMEWHERE ELSE?
LOOK!
IN THAT CASE, PERHAPS, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST FRIGHTENING ENCOUNTER IN YOUR LIFE!
Scorpion Demon
Bareorozakisu
*T/N: OKAY, THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A MADE-UP NAME FOR A MADE-UP CREATURE WHICH DOESN'T EXIST (OR MAYBE IT DOES. HAHA)
Ah... Yes.
VERY GOOD.

TAP
TAP
TAP
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF PERGAMON?
IZU-MIDA?
I RECALL READING SOMETHING ABOUT IT IN MY WORLD HISTORY TEXTBOOK...
Oh boy.
Rant
WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE SUCH AN UNEDUCATED SUBORDINATE?
I can't believe it!

TODAY, THE MAIN SITES OF ANCIENT PERGAMON ARE LOCATED ON A PENINSULA TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF TURKEY. IT WAS A POWERFUL AND PROSPEROUS KINGDOM BACK IN 400 BC, APPROXIMATELY 2400 YEARS AGO.

Throughout the Ancient Greek Civilization and Roman Empire

NOT ONLY WERE THEY RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES, THEY HAD STRONG INFLUENCES IN LITERATURE, ARTS AND SCIENCE. THE KINGDOM GREW RAPIDLY AS A RESULT.



MARBLE WAS USED WIDELY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ARCHITECTURE, SUCH AS THE THEATRE, LIBRARY, GYMNASIUM, BATHS COMPLEX AND THE LIKES.

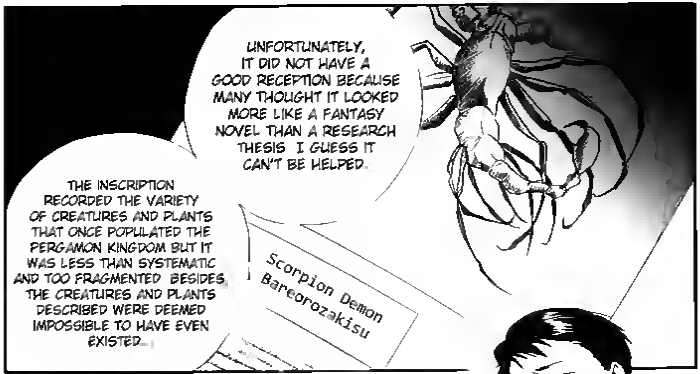
YEARS AND YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE KINGDOM, A GERMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TEAM LED THE EXCAVATION OF THE REMAINING SITES.

ALL VALUABLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RELICS THAT WERE EXCAVATED ARE NOW DISPLAYED IN THE BERLIN MUSELIM.

AMONG THE MOST NOTABLE...
IS THE RELIEF* AT THE BASE OF THE PERGAMON ALTAR.
IT DEPICTS THE FAMOUS BATTLE BETWEEN THE GIANTS AND THE OLYMPIAN GODS, ALSO KNOWN AS GIGANTOMACHY.
*T/N A SCULPTURAL TECHNIQUE
Bows
Ah
A WISE CONVERSATION WITH A WISE MIND FAR SURPASSES TEN YEARS OF STUDYING BOOKS
WAIT, I'M GETTING TO THE MAIN POINT NOW...
Huh?
JOSEPH HICKMAYER...
DISCOVERED AN INSCRIBED STONE AT THE EXCAVATION SITE IN 1931. THE INSCRIPTION ON THE STONE WAS WRITTEN IN ANCIENT GREEK. TODAY, THE STONE IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "HICKMAYER INSCRIPTION"
A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION,

1931...
THAT'S EXACTLY TWO YEARS BEFORE ADOLF HITLER BECAME THE DICTATOR.
He was part Jewish. Being a Jewish living under Hitler's dictatorship...
IN 1940, HE WAS TAKEN AWAY BY THE NAZI SECRET POLICE AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "HICKMAYER INSCRIPTION"?
HICKMAYER TOOK THE STONE WITH HIM TO BERLIN FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AFTER RECOVERING IT. THE STONE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE AFTER HICKMAYER'S CAPTURE.
ONLY REALISED DURING THE POST-WAR CLEAN UP, THAT THE "HICKMAYER INSCRIPTION" WAS HOUSED IN THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE. BUT THE REALISATION CAME ALL TOO LATE
THOSE STUPID HUMANS...
Oh ! see.
UNFORTUNATELY, IN 1945, THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE WAS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED FOLLOWING BOMBING ATTACKS BY THE ALLIES TROOPS.
ANYWAY..
TOSHI
FLOP

AFTER THE WAR ENDED...
TAP
HICKMAYER'S SURVIVING FAMILY COMPILED HIS RESEARCH NOTES INTO A BOOK AND HAD IT PUBLISHED.
IT WAS TITLED "THE HICKMAYER INSCRIPTION RESEARCH COMPILATION".


UNFORTUNATELY, IT DID NOT HAVE A GOOD RECEPTION BECAUSE MANY THOUGHT IT LOOKED MORE LIKE A FANTASY NOVEL THAN A RESEARCH THESIS. I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THE INSCRIPTION RECORDED THE VARIETY OF CREATURES AND PLANTS THAT ONCE POPULATED THE PERGAMON KINGDOM BUT IT WAS LESS THAN SYSTEMATIC AND TOO FRAGMENTED. BESIDES, THE CREATURES AND PLANTS DESCRIBED WERE DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE EVEN EXISTED.
Scorpion Demon Bareorozakisu

ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPLY THAT...
ALL THE INCIDENTS TONIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY...
EXACTLY!
IT'S CAUSED BY AN ANCIENT CREATURE NESTING WITHIN THE ROCK!
BEEP

幻獣妖
Obviously since there's no sample available for verification
SCORPIONS BELONG TO THE ARACHNIDA CLASS OF THE ANTHROPOD FAMILY
IN MODERN BIOLOGY DATABASES
But of course there's no official entry for this creature...
SIMILAR?
FOR NOW, IT IS CONSIDERED A TYPE OF SCORPION.
LOOK!
A PAIR OF GRASPING CLAWS
AND FOUR PAIR OF LEGS!
8 LEGS IN TOTAL!
VERY GOOD, JUST LIKE SPIDERS!
SINCE YOU SAID YOU AREN'T AFRAID OF SPIDERS...
NO, I'M NOT. BUT DON'T BE SILLY. THIS "SPIDER" WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS MUCH BIGGER IN SIZE!
ARE YOU SURE THIS CREATURE IS OUR WANTED CRIMINAL?
Or should I say criminal animal?
I'M 90% SURE ABOUT IT.

ANY DOUBTS WILL BE CLEARED AFTER QUESTIONING CHAIRMAN TAKAICHI
幻獣妖生大全
BUT ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS OF MITHRIDATES THE GREAT, WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND THIS ANCIENT CREATURE IS OUR CULPRIT TONIGHT
MITHRI...?
MITHRIDATES THE GREAT WAS THE KING OF PONTUS IN 100 BC
Ahhh... Who is she going on about now?
Going way off topic again!
.....
LIKE PERGAMON, PONTUS IS ALSO LOCATED IN ASIA MINOR.
FOR MANY MANY YEARS, PONTUS WAS ENGAGED IN WARS WITH THE ROMAN EMPIRE FOR POWER AND CONTROL BUT THEY LOST EVENTUALLY
MITHRIDATES THE GREAT WAS AN OUTSTANDING AND EXCELLENT GENERAL. NOT ONLY THAT, HE WAS A POLYGLOT, FLUENT IN MORE THAN 21 LANGUAGES
TAP
BASICALLY,
HE WAS A VERY PROMINENT FIGURE IN WESTERN HISTORY. AS A RESULT, MANY OF HIS LEGENDS HAVE SURFACED AND ARE PASSED ON
IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN 63 BC AFTER HIS DEFEAT TO THE ROMAN ARMY
BUT, THERE'S ANOTHER BELIEF WHICH SAYS THAT,
IT WAS A SUBSTITUTE WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE

MITHRIDATES HIMSELF FLED TO PERSIA AFTER THE WHOLE STAGING.
Gives
OKAY... SO WHAT DOES THIS KING HAVE TO DO WITH THE BARE... BAREO...
BAREORO-ZAKISU!
IN SUMMARY,
BAREOROZAKISU IS THE ANCIENT CREATURE NESTING WITHIN THE MARBLE OF THIS BUILDING. IT IS EXTREMELY VICIOUS,
Just lik a certain someone we know.
IT THRIVES ON WAR, FEAR, BLOOD AND GORE
♡
THE DESCRIPTION FITS YOU PERFECTLY AS WELL...
Hmph~
MARBLE IS A METAMORPHIC ROCK WITH CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE, IT IS METAMORPHOSED FROM LIME-STONE.
Tap
Tap
Tap
WITHIN THE MARBLE LIVES OUR ANCIENT CREATURE, CAPABLE OF MOVING FREELY THROUGH THE SLITS BETWEEN CARBONATE CRYSTALS.
IF ONE UNKNOWINGLY LEANS AGAINST THE MARBLE WALL, IT IS VERY LIKELY FOR HIM TO SUFFER A VENOMOUS STING.

BESIDES, IT'S CAPABLE OF TOPPLING OVER A STATUE ON THE GROUND...
ISN'T THAT SCARY?
Wait till you hear the rest of it
SPINS
AND COLLAPSE TO DEATH AT ONCE
TUGS
OVER-TURNING A HEAVY BED FRAME, AND SO ON...
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED!
THE CARS IN THE BASEMENT CAR PARK...
In all honesty I think you're more scary.
YANK
YANK
This feels like a big chain around my neck.
IF THE CREATURE DOESN'T MOVE OUTSIDE THE MARBLE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ERADICATE IT WITH FLAME OR BLUNT FORCE
HOWEVER
THE "HICKMAYER INSCRIPTION" ALSO MENTIONED THE LEGEND OF MITHRIDATES THE GREAT BANISHING BAREOROZAKISU. AS FOR THE METHOD, THERE WAS ONLY ONE LINE TO IT...
"PRAISE THE OLIVE'S GRACE FOR THE RETURN OF PEACE AND ORDER."
THE HICKMAYER INSCRIPTION

Yanks
. . . . . ?
MY GUESS IS,
OLIVES CAN SERVE AS A BAIT JUST LIKE HOW THE SILVER VINE PLANT IS USED TO LURE CATS.
YOU MEAN WE CAN TRY TO LURE THE BAREO-SOMETHING OUT FROM THE MARBLE USING OLIVES OR OLIVE OIL?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DO YOU EVEN BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF AN ANCIENT MONSTER?
I believe it!
Nothing is impossible anywhere in a human like you exists
FLIP
The Exorcist
Identity: Criminal Investigation Bureau Counselor
Character: Extremely Violent
Physical: Goddess Athena's beauty, devil's body, endless nine lives
YOU WILL HELP ME WITH THIS, WON'T YOU?
Of course!
THEN LET'S GO!

BUT...
I FEEL REALLY NERVOUS JUST THINKING ABOUT THE ANCIENT MONSTER
STEP
STEP
STEP
THE FACT THAT IT IS ABLE TO MOVE FREELY WITHIN THE MARBLE MEANS THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CORRECTLY PREDICT ITS EXACT LOCATION
THIS IS GOING TO BE HARD...
WHAT MAKES MATTER WORSE IS THAT ALMOST THE ENTIRE BUILDING'S SURFACES HAVE BEEN FINISHED WITH MARBLE! THE ENORMITY OF THE BUILDING IS LIKE THE CREATURE'S DETERMINATION...
AND WHO KNOWS, THE CREATURE COULD HAVE EVOLVED WITH TIME.
NOT ONLY HAS THE ENTIRE PLAZA BECOME PART OF ITS SUBCONSCIOUS, ALL THE MACHINERY AND TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE PLAZA...
IS LIKE AN EXTENSION OF THE CREATURE'S BODY NOW.
THE PRIME EXAMPLE OF ITS EVOLUTION...
IS THE WORDING DISPLAYED ON THE BUILDING

AS THE CHAIRMAN AND OWNER OF BAY CITY PLAZA ..
DUH,
WHO ELSE BUT TAKAICHI.
WHICH GUY?
EVERY TIME I LOOK AT THIS PLACE, THAT GUY'S FACE WILL ALTOMATICALLY APPEAR IN MY HEAD.
THIS IS QUITE ANNOYING.
HIS VICIOUSNESS AND RUTHLESSNESS IS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE BAREOROZAKISU!

Looking around
CONTROL CENTER
SENPAI!!
We have a situation!
SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO DISARM THE ROLLER DOOR WITH HIS BARE HANDS, BUT THE DOOR SUDDENLY WENT BOOM, AND KER CHAK AND HIS HEAD CAME OFF!
I WAS SO CLOSE TO-
Usk!
WHERE'S THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL?
Long-haired collie
AH, THE SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL IS OVER THERE
Bulldog
Sigh
That's too much onomato-poeia
tsk!
MOVE YOUR ASS, YOU'RE NOT WHO I'M LOOKING FOR!
plot again
HE PASSED OUT EARLIER DUE TO AN ACUTE ATTACK OF MENIERE'S DISEASE...
OH... THE SP HAS TAKEN HIM TO THE CLINIC.
WHERE IS THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL? ANY IDEA WHERE HE IS?
GUNT
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY FORM OF EVIDENCE TO BACK UP YOUR THEORY!
WHAT YOU JUST SAID IS COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS!

*TN: SECURITY POLICE IS THE JAPANESE CLOSE PROTECTION UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN VIP'S

MY KNOWLEDGE AND LEVEL OF EDUCATION IS ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY MY DEDUCTION!
THIS WHOLE SAGA LOOKS CRYSTAL CLEAR TO ME, I'VE FIGURED OUT THE WHOLE TRUTH AND AND OUR CRIMINAL LONG AGO
HOLD ON, LET ME CORRECT MYSELF...
OH
HO
HO
HO
Evidence? I've got plenty!
WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY AFTER A CRIMINAL...
BECAUSE OUR CRIMINAL TONIGHT IS NOT EVEN HUMAN!
Click
Ahhhh...
CHIEF OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING BUREAU
GLARE
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF WASTING ANY MORE TIME ON THE STUPID BUREAUCRACY. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY FOR GOD'S SAKE!
THINGS SHOULD BE DONE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU SHOULD BRIEF ME FIRST
I TELL YOU WHAT
SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL... SPARE ME A FEW MINUTES...
ANYWAY, I'M NOT FREE TO ENTERTAIN A SMALL-TIMER LIKE YOU...
Click

cough
JUST SAY IT ALREADY...
ENOUGH... tmp
FULL OF SMILES~
THE MURDERER IS "BAREORO-ZAKISU"!
Huhhh?
THEIR REACTIONS ARE AS EXPECTED
AFTER LENGTHY EXPLANATION AND DISCUSSION:
COUNTER STRATEGIES HAVE FINALLY BEEN DECIDED
ALL RESPONSIBILITIES... WILL FALL ON...
Exhausted
The Superintendent General
Enough! Enough already! Do as you like, as long as I can go home soon!
AH, BY THE WAY...
SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL, SINCE YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE, YOU SHOULD THINK OF A WAY TO HANDLE THE PRESS!

Eyes Rolling
HOPEFULLY YOU CAN THINK OF AN EXPLANATION LOGICAL ENOUGH FOR THE PUBLIC TO BELIEVE
CAN I TRUST YOU WITH THAT?
I KNOW THAT IF SOMEONE CAN HANDLE THIS SITUATION, IT WILL BE YOU, SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.
♡
BA- Blush -DUP
Hmm
You can count on me.
ONE MORE THING.
CAN IZUMIDA BORROW A HANDGUN FROM THE SP?
With bullets in it of course
FSSSSSWHHHHHHH!!
EVEN THOUGH I'M ARMED WITH A HANDGUN, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT I'D BE ABLE TO USE IT AGAINST THE MONSTER. BECAUSE OUR OPPONENT TONIGHT ISN'T HUMAN, OR A KNOWN BIOLOGICAL FORM FOR THAT MATTER. AND NOT TO MENTION, IT HIDES WITHIN MARBLE.
Click
CHAIRMAN TAKAICHI IS HERE.

Oh,
AM I GETTING AN INTERVIEW FROM THE SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL HIMSELF?
What an honour
YOU'RE WELCOME.
That didn't sound right.
EXCUSE ME, TAKAICHI-SAN.
THERE'S SOME-THING WE NEED TO CLARIFY.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BAREORO-ZAKISU?
SMIRK
HEY NOW, IT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO SPOIL THE BAREOROZAKISU JUST LIKE HOW YOU'VE SPOILED YOUR SON, OKAY?

AND I THOUGHT FOR A SECOND THAT YOU GUYS HAD REACHED A CONCLUSIVE DEDUCTION FOR TONIGHT'S INCIDENTS, YET HERE YOU ARE QUESTIONING ME SOMETHING COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS AND UNHEARD OF! THIS IS DISAPPOINTING!
Tehe
OH WELL, PLEASE DON'T MIND US. THAT'S JUST HOW THE POLICE AROUND THE GLOBE OPERATES IF YOU HAVEN'T REALISED ALREADY
SHAKES
!?
THUMP

IT'S A CRANE FROM THE SPECIAL VEHICLE UNIT!
Is there any live report on TV?
CREAKS
CHATTER
Oh no, is something happening again?!
What was that? An earthquake?
THUMP
I SEE, IN THE END THEY HAVE DECIDED ON FORCED ENTRY.
THUMP
THEY'RE GOING TO PENETRATE THE CONCRETE WITH A STEEL WRECKING BALL.
RIGHT NOW, A WRECKING BALL IS IN POSITION TO BREAK THROUGH THE CONCRETE.
STEP
STEP
EVER SINCE THE ASAMO-SANSO INCIDENT IN 1972, NONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED TO SEE A REPEAT OF THIS SCENE THREE DECADES ON.
THUMP

WHOAAA, THEY'RE SERIOUS ABOUT IT THIS TIME.
LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE DETERMINED TO GAIN ENTRY!
STOP IT RIGHT THIS SECOND!!
OR I WON'T FORGIVE ANY OF YOU!!
I SHALL NOT ALLOW YOU TO RUIN MY CASTLE!!

TAKA-ICHI-SAN!
I WANT YOU TO STOP IMMEDIATELY!
WHO'S THAT?
CHATTER
ISN'T HE TAKAICHI?
OH, HE WAS THE VICE GOVERNOR, WASN'T HE?
CHATTER
YEAH, BUT HE'S CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF BAY CITY PLAZA
PLEASE UNDERSTAND...
THERE ARE NEARLY TEN THOUSAND INNOCENT LIVES AT STAKE.
BESIDES, APPROXIMATELY 50 DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THE WRECKING BALL CRANE HAS BEEN DEPLOYED AS THERE'S NO OTHER VIABLE ALTERNATIVE...
SO, FUCKING, WHAT?!

MERELY 90 DEATHS!
WHAT HARM DOES IT DO ANYWAY WITH THE DEATH OF ALL THESE LOWLY CITIZENS?!
What did you say?
MY CASTLE IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT AND SUPERIOR THAN THOSE WORTHLESS LIVES!!
HUH?
LET'S GO IZUMIDA.
OH BY THE WAY,
YES!
YUKIKO, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE CHARGE HERE
That old man has gone senile
I'M GONNA BORROW YOUR OBEDIENT LITTLE PUPPY FOR A WHILE
KISHIMOTO! LET'S GO, MY BOY
Let's Go!
Do you really need me? I'll probably end up a burden to you.
Ehh?
OUCH!! IT HURTS!
You think so? Why do you still look so happy then?

A GLORIOUS MASTERPIECE AFTER YEARS AND YEAR OF HARD WORK!
YOU'RE DESTROYING BAY CITY PLAZA! IT'S MY BLOOD AND PRIDE!
I AM THE MASTER OF THIS CASTLE!
YANK
ALL OF YOU MUST LISTEN TO MY ORDERS!!
I COMMAND YOU TO STOP THE WRECKING BALL CRANE'S DEMOLITION IMMEDIATELY!
I WON'T TOLERATE ANY DISOBEDIENCE!

SECURE CHAIRMAN TAKAICHI NOW!!
FOR CAUSING OTHERS BODILY HARM AND OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE!
STOP IT! I AM GOING TO ARREST YOU...
Urgh..
Urgh..
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, SUPER-INTENDENT GENERAL?
YE... YES. WELL DONE.
HUFF
HUFF
KE KE KE...
BAY CITY PLAZA IS ME AND I AM BAY CITY PLAZA.
WHAT KIND OF WORTHLESS TRASH IS THINKING OF ARRESTING ME?!
KE KE KE KE
AH AH AHA HAHA AHA HA!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
tap
NOW... WHERE'S OUR LITTLE MARBLE SCORPION?
click